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TEACHERS IN OUR SCHOOLS

Had the AEU accepted TASSO's compromise proposal in 2014 we would have had 288 more staff for over 3 years and avoided any loss of school jobs and reset the staffing from a higher base.

TASSO President Lisa Gillard states, "Teachers in classrooms and support staff who work directly with our students is one of two major factors in students striving to their fullest potential. The other factor is schools and families working together in respectful partnership."

TASSO is well aware of the pressures school staff are under at present. TASSO supports increasing the numbers of staff actually dealing with children in schools. We are not comfortable with the number of out of school positions that exist within the Education Department or the amount of money being spent to have external organisations run programs in schools, some of which were once run by Department staff on the ground in schools.

"We are not in a position to judge the accuracy of the figures in the Keygan report, but we strongly object to the government seeking to dismiss the report with the "fake news" tag. The report seeks to make a contribution to an essential subject for the educational welfare of our students. The associations the report's author may or not have is not relevant. What is relevant is the accuracy of the report. These matters need to be debated and not through competing press releases." Said Lisa Gillard. "For the record Amina Keygan is a member of the TASSO Management Committee, does that also detract from her work?"

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